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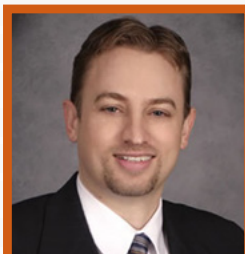
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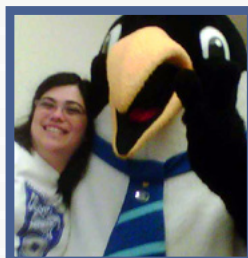
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## Fantastic Four

### *A big next step supports early learners' small steps*



A new partnership allows Clark College students to apply their education credits toward a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Concordia University. The new Southwest Washington Early Childhood Education Bachelor's Degree offers Southwest Washington education students what supporters call "a unique opportunity to further develop their passion while also increasing their employment opportunities." The partnership includes Centralia College and Lower Columbia College.

At a ceremony at Lower Columbia College on Thursday, February 17, the four college presidents joined a gathering of students, professors, educators, and Head Start advocates for the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU among the four schools will help streamline the process for college students who seek to transfer to Concordia's four-year bachelor's degree program to continue their education.

Vice President of Instruction Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd said, "This agreement creates a seamless pathway for our students to pursue their education and ambitions beyond Clark College—especially those who want to pursue a

four-year degree in early childhood education without leaving Southwest Washington."

The signing took place as work continued on the first phase of Clark's new Early Learning Center, which is scheduled to open this summer.

The Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007 requires that at least 50 percent of Head Start teachers have a baccalaureate degree in early childhood education by September 2013. The new degree fulfills that requirement. More information is available at [www.cu-portland.edu/ece](http://www.cu-portland.edu/ece).



Above: Back row (left to right): Concordia University President Dr. Charles Schlimpert, Clark College President Bob Knight, Clark College President Dr. James McLaughlin and Centralia College President Dr. James Walton. Top left: Clark College Director of Services for Children and Families Laurie Cornelius (third from left) was among the educators whose work led to the new agreement. (Photos courtesy of Lower Columbia College.)

# Myers Takes the Lead

*New Director of Nursing is part of national leadership program*

For Cynthia Myers, MN, RN, Clark College has been the Next Step for her education and her career. The Clark College graduate has been named the college's new director of nursing. Myers has also been selected to participate in Lead, the new leadership development program of the National League for Nursing (NLN).

"As a recently tenured faculty member, Cindy has proven to be a widely respected, informal leader among the nursing faculty, demonstrating energy and eagerness to learn about and implement new nursing educational concepts and methods," said Associate Dean of Health Sciences Jean M. Donovan, PhD, RN. "She has also been identified by the administration at Clark College as possessing significant leadership potential."

The year-long Lead program is geared toward emerging leaders in nursing education. The initial Lead cohort includes only 30 nurse educators, chosen from colleges and universities throughout the United States. They will study for a year under the direction of Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN. Malone is CEO of the National League for Nursing.

Myers earned an associate degree in nursing from Clark College, then continued her studies at Washington State University (WSU), where she earned a bachelor's degree, graduating summa cum laude, and a master's degree in nursing. She has previous work experience with Kaiser Permanente, where she worked as a nurse administrator. Her career experience also includes clinical

responsibilities at Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver Clinic, Olsten Kimberly Quality Care, and Providence Medical Center. She began full-time teaching at Clark in 2007 and was granted tenure in 2010.

Myers is the first quarter lead instructor in the nursing department and serves on the Clark College Council and on the nursing department's National League for Nursing (NLN) Standard VI, curriculum, professionalism, and sunshine committees.

A strong proponent of collaborative learning, Myers believes in empowering students to take new information and integrate it with what they already know. "Engaging students in the classroom, intellectually and with one another, leads to better understanding of the course material and builds a social community of learners," she said. "As an educator it's very exciting to be a part of this dynamic process."

"I am delighted that professor Myers will be leading our nursing department and our faculty members," said Vice President of Instruction Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd said. "She brings enthusiasm, dedication, and a commitment to teaching and learning excellence and serving the needs of our students."

Clark's nursing program is recognized statewide for the quality of its instruction and the accomplishments of its graduates. Its accreditation was recently affirmed by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc.



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## Taking Care of Business

*For Associate Vice President of Corporate and Continuing Education (CCE) Todd Oldham, Monroe Community College in New York is The Next Step*

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On March 1, Associate Vice President of Corporate and Continuing Education (CCE) Todd Oldham took his own Next Step, leaving Clark to become vice president for Economic Development and Innovative Workforce Services at Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York.

Under Oldham's leadership, CCE experienced impressive growth, including the opening of the college's Corporate Learning Center at Clark College at Columbia Tech Center. During each of the past two years, the department earned a net profit of more than \$100,000. The department is also projected to end this year with a profit.

"We've fulfilled the mission," he said. "We have reached out and worked with companies to secure money for our region. We've competed for—and won—state and federal grants that have supported workforce training projects in Southwest Washington. We've also provided corporate training in a fiscally responsible way—generating revenue for the college."

Since 2006, the department has generated more than \$3.5 million in grant funding for training. More than \$200,000 in grants have supported eLearning services.



Before the recession began, Oldham and the CCE staff had what he called "three years of purposeful dialogue with companies and constant outreach by our corporate relations managers."

"So, when the recession hit, we had relationships in place that have allowed us to keep working and provide training," he added.

In his new position, Oldham will lead Monroe's economic development and workforce development initiatives. He will serve as the college's chief outreach officer to the business, industry and economic development sectors in the greater Rochester area. He will also be responsible grants, career and technical education, and workforce development.

While preparing to meet his new team at Monroe, Oldham praised Clark's CCE staff. "We take the concept of team very seriously," he said. "We've done a lot of team and organizational training. We work together and support each other. That's one of the key reasons we've been able to do what we've done. This team is phenomenal."

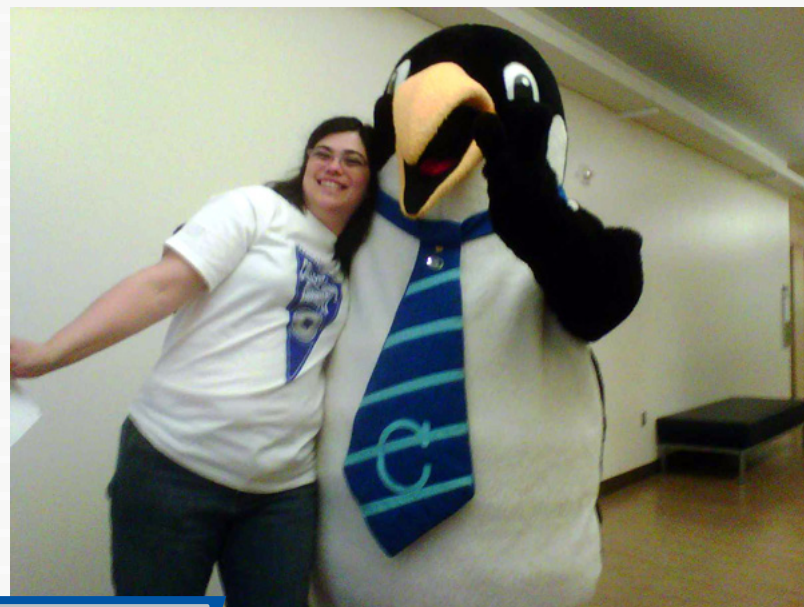


## Super Sunday for Students

Clark's Financial Aid staff participated in the fourth annual College Goal Sunday event on January 30. This year's event was hosted by Washington State University Vancouver. Clark had hosted the event last year.

College Goal Sunday is a free, on-site program that helps students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Approximately 200 people received step-by-step instructions for completing the form and submitting their FAFSA.



*Photos courtesy of WSU-V.*



## Pirate Treasure

*Clark College stages the very model of a modern major musical*

This past weekend saw the final performances of the 2011 winter musical, the Gilbert & Sullivan classic *The Pirates of Penzance*. The stage at Gaiser Student Center was teeming with pirates, policemen, and maidens—not to mention one very fast-singing major-general. Directed by Kirk Mouser, the production followed that age-old story: Boy meets girl, girl is chased by pirates, boy joins pirates, and then somehow everyone winds up married and singing by the end. *Tarantara!*





## Living Herstory

### *"Women in History" Gives Audience a Tour of Female Accomplishments*

In honor of National Women's History Month, the members of the Clark College History Club and Dr. Anita Fisher's History 252 class created a living tour of "herstory" in the Decker Theatre the evening of Tuesday, March 1. Two dozen performers took to the stage to portray famous women from the past (as well as a few of their male companions), including Eleanor Roosevelt, Cleopatra, and Queen Isabella of Spain. The event raised awareness of the important roles women have played throughout history, as well as almost \$100 for the Clark County YWCA's Safechoice program combating domestic violence.



Sappho reads a favorite poem.

Empress Theodora keeps her dignity during a siege.





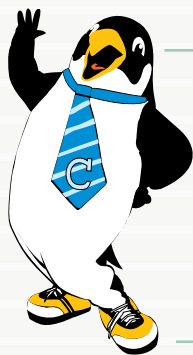
Queen Boudicca defies her captors.



Cleopatra charms  
Marc Antony.



Backstage with some historic women: Left to right, Celtic Queen Boudicca, Joan of Arc, Saxon Queen Aethelflaed, Greek poet Sappho, Empress Theodora of Byzantium, Queen Anne Boleyn, Pharaoh Hatshepsut, and Russian Tzarina Catherine the Great.



## Penguin Patter

*News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!*

### IN SEARCH OF: AWESOME ALUMNI

The Clark College Foundation is on the hunt for nominations for its 2011 Outstanding Alumni Award. Visit [www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/33](http://www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/33) to nominate a Clark College alumnus who's impressed you with their achievements or contributions to society. Nominations are due by March 31 and the winner will be presented with an award at the annual Alumni-Student Dinner in June.

### GOT ROOM FOR A STOWAWAY?

Wherever you're headed for Spring Break, Oswald wants to come with you! Simply submit your entry with a picture of your adopted Oswald enjoying Spring Break and you are eligible to win a Clark College Bookstore gift card. Adoptable Oswald figurines are available at the Bookstore for a \$2 adoption fee.

### SKILL SET

On Thursday, February 17, the Culinary Arts Department hosted the SkillsUSA Contest. Nineteen students from Fort Vancouver High School showcased their knowledge and



skills in three categories: cooking, baking, and table service. The Culinary Arts Department has been hosting the SkillsUSA Contest for more than 15 years. Several students over the years have advanced on to the regional competition and a few have advanced to the national competition.

“Activities like these help students demonstrate their abilities and direct their focus as aspiring young professionals,” said Daryl Oest, an instructional technician in the Culinary Arts Department who organized this year's event. Several additional Culinary Arts staff members served as judges: Alison Dolder, Larry Loomis, Drew Otteraaen, Don Reid, Nicole Lagana, David Angell, and Susan Holman judged the Table Service portion. Restaurant Management students Mark Nikiforov, Diane Rodewald, Mason Walker and Amy Griswold also assisted with contest activities.

### ON THE CASE

Congratulations to the Clark College Foundation, who—along with First Independent Bank and a.tuttle design—won a silver award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VIII for their collaborative effort in the creation of graphic design materials for the category of Special Event Publications. The family of collateral pieces (print and electronic) was prepared for Savoring Excellence, which is a reception, dinner and program event to honor top contributors to Clark College students and program excellence. The announcement was made on February 25 at the annual CASE District VIII conference held in Vancouver, B.C.



# Upcoming Events

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College website: [www.clark.edu/news\\_events/college\\_calendar/](http://www.clark.edu/news_events/college_calendar/)  
(Unless otherwise noted, all events take place on the Clark College main campus. If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in an event, contact the Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 192.102.5.20 (video phone), or visit Gaiser Hall Room 137.)

## MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY: GROUP THERAPY IN DAILY LIFE

Monday, March 7, 2011

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Nan Narboe, MSW.

PUB 161

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

10:00 a.m.

North concourse in Gaiser Hall

## ASCC MARDI GRAS

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Southern food, DJ and dancing.

Gaiser Student Center

## ASCC CULTURAL STORIES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PUB 161

## CLARK COLLEGE ORCHESTRA CONCERT: "FAIRY TALES AND LEGENDS"

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Featuring Italian piano soloist  
Antonio DiCristofano.

Vancouver School of Arts and  
Academics, 3101 Main St.,  
Vancouver, WA

## 30 CLICKS: EVERNOTE

Thursday, March 10, 2011

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Presenter: Lori Wamsley.

LIB103

## CLARK COLLEGE WOMEN'S CHORAL ENSEMBLE AND VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Thursday, March 10, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Admission is free and open to  
the public.

Gaiser Student Center

## MEN'S BASEBALL GAME

Saturday, March 12, 2011

Big Bend Community College,  
Moses Lake, WA

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Saturday, March 12, 2011

South Inter-Region Tournament.

Vancouver GSA Complex

## A CHORAL CELEBRATION!

Saturday, March 12, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Featuring Clark College Chorale,  
Northwest Repertory Singers of  
Tacoma, and Prairie High School  
Select Ensemble. Admission is  
free and open to the public.

Prairie High School Auditorium

## MEN'S BASEBALL GAME

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## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, March 13, 2011

South Inter-Region Tournament

Vancouver GSA Complex

## CLARK COLLEGE CONCERT BAND AND CHOIR

Sunday, March 13, 2011

3:00 p.m.

At Home and On the Road!  
presents "To Honor and  
Remember." Admission is free  
and open to the public.

Vancouver School of Arts and  
Academics, 3101 Main St.,  
Vancouver, WA

## STUDENT BOOK BUYBACK

Monday, March 14, 2011 -

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Clark College Bookstore

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Saturday, March 19, 2011

At Pre-Season Crossover  
Tournament.

Richland, WA

## MEN'S BASEBALL GAME

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Single game at Prairie Baseball  
Academy.

Tri City Stadium, Pasco, WA

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Pre-Season Crossover  
Tournament

Richland, WA

## MEN'S BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Blue Mountain Community  
College, Walla Walla, WA



## WPEA/UFCW Meeting Schedule

WPEA Membership meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, March 16, at 12:00 p.m. in SHL 214.

# From the HR Department

## IMPORTANT PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS

To comply with Washington law, departments must ensure that all volunteers:

- 1) Register in advance with Human Resources.
- 2) Submit a time sheet to Payroll at the end of each month in which volunteer services are provided.
- 3) Remember to include the budget number on each form.

These actions are necessary for coverage under industrial accident insurance and to drive College vehicles.

Volunteer registration must be renewed each fiscal year.

Questions regarding the use of volunteers may be directed to Sue Williams, x2619 or Laura Elwood-Klein, x2381.

## OPEN POSTITIONS

### DIRECTOR OF ALLIED HEALTH:

Full-time administrative position.

Open until Filled.

### TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITIONS:

**Anthropology Instructor** Closing date: March 18, 2011

**Business Technology Medical Office Instructor**

Closing date: March 8, 2011

**Computer Technology Instructor**

Closing date: March 8, 2011

**Counselor/Human Development Instructor**

Closing date: March 11, 2011

**Drama Instructor** Closing date: March 18, 2011

**Health Instructor** Closing date: March 18, 2011

**Psychology Instructor** Closing date: April 22, 2011

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